

Numerical Analysis Ex1

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I: (a)The width of the interval at the n^{th} step is $\frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$.(b)Let the midpoint be $c_n = \frac{1}{2}(b_n + a_n)$.The distance between the root r and the midpoint can be expressed as

$$|c_n - r| \leq 2^{-(n+1)}(b_0 - a_0) = 2^{-(n+1)}(2) = 2^{-n}$$

Thus, the maximum possible distance is 2^{-n} .

II:As the relative error is not greater than ϵ , we know that

$$\frac{|x_n - r|}{r} \leq \frac{|b_n - a_n|}{r} = \frac{1}{2^n r}(b_0 - a_0)$$

where r is the true solution and x_n is the approximate value.Here we take $\frac{1}{2^n r}(b_0 - a_0)$ as ϵ .Since $r \geq a_0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2^n a_0}(b_0 - a_0) &\leq \epsilon \\ -n \log 2 - \log a_0 + \log(b_0 - a_0) &\leq \log \epsilon \\ n &\geq \frac{\log(b_0 - a_0) - \log \epsilon - \log a_0}{\log 2}\end{aligned}$$

Proven.

III:Given that $p(x) = 4x^3 - 2x^2 + 3 = 0$ with the starting point $x_0 = -1$.We use the Newton's method stated below to get the approximate answer for 4 times.By hand calculate, $p'(x) = 12x^2 - 4x$.

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{p(x_n)}{p'(x_n)}, n \in N$$

$\begin{array}{c} \text{functions} \\ \text{n} \end{array}$	x_n	$p(x_n)$	$p'(x_n)$
$n = 0$	-1	-3	16
$n = 1$	-0.812500	-0.465820	11.171875
$n = 2$	-0.770804	-0.020136	10.212882
$n = 3$	-0.768832	-0.000040	10.168560
$n = 4$	-0.768828	—	—

IV:First let the true solution be r , and naturally we know $f(r) = 0$.As the given function f is differentiable, use Taylor's expansion at r ,then we get

$$f(x) = f(r) + f'(\xi)(x - r), \xi = r + \theta(x - r), 0 < \theta < 1$$

$$f(x_n) = f'(\xi)(x_n - r), \xi = r + \theta(x_n - r), 0 < \theta < 1$$

Let the error of Newton's method at step n be e_n , $x_n = r + e_n$ and substitute in $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$.

$$f(x_n) = f'(\xi)(e_n), \xi = r + \theta(x_n - r), 0 < \theta < 1$$

$$r + e_{n+1} = r + e_n - \frac{f'(\xi)(e_n)}{f'(x_0)}$$

$$e_{n+1} = e_n \left[1 - \frac{f'(\xi)}{f'(x_0)} \right]$$

Thus, by comparing to $e_{n+1} = C e_n^s$, $C = 1 - \frac{f'(\xi)}{f'(x_0)}$, $\xi = r + \theta(x_n - r)$, $0 < \theta < 1$, $s = 1$

V: By comparing to the fixed-point iteration method, take $g(x_n) = \tan^{-1} x_n$. As we know $g(x_n)$ is continuous on $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$, now we prove the contraction on it. $\forall x, y \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$, we have

$$|g(x) - g(y)| = |\tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y| = |(\tan^{-1} \xi)'(x - y)| \leq \lambda |x - y|$$

where λ satisfies $0 < \lambda = \frac{1}{1+(\xi)^2} < 1$. By Theorem 1.38, there is a unique fixed point and the iteration will converge to it.

VI: Let $x_{n+1} = g(x_n) = \frac{1}{p+x_n}$. As $p > 1$, $\forall n \in N$, $0 < x_n < 1$, thus $g(x_n)$ is continuous. $\forall x, y$

$$|g(x) - g(y)| = \left| \frac{1}{p+x} - \frac{1}{p+y} \right| = \left| \frac{x-y}{(p-x)(p-y)} \right| \leq \lambda |x - y|$$

where λ satisfies $0 < \lambda = \frac{1}{(p-x)(p-y)} < 1$. By Theorem 1.38, there is a unique fixed point and the iteration will converge to it. Now we start to find the value of the fixed point. As $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n := x$,

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{p+x} \\ \frac{1}{x} &= p+x \\ x^2 + px - 1 &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{-p \pm \sqrt{p^2 + 4}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

VII: The relative error is not an appropriate measure method. By Theorem 1.13, $c_n = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}(b_0 + a_0)$, let α be the true solution.

When $\alpha \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} |c_n - \alpha| &= \left| \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}(b_0 + a_0) - \alpha \right| \leq 2^{-(n+1)}(b_0 - a_0) \\ \frac{2}{2^n}(b_0 + a_0) - |\alpha| &\leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2^n}(b_0 - a_0) \\ |\alpha| &\geq \frac{1}{2^n} \left(\frac{3}{2}b_0 + \frac{5}{2}a_0 \right) \\ n &\geq \frac{\log(\frac{3}{2}b_0 + \frac{5}{2}a_0) - \log|\alpha|}{\log 2} \end{aligned}$$

When $\alpha = 0$, we may consider it independently by setting a condition in the program. The condition could be

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if (r==0 && f(r)==0){
    return r;
}
else
    (The recurrence of bisection)

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